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William Carlos Williams

EPITAPH

An old willow with hollow branches
Slowly swayed his few high bright tendrils
And sang:

"Love is a young green willow
Shimmering at the bare wood's edge."

SPRING

O my grey hairs!
You are truly white as plum blossoms.

STROLLER

I have seen the hills blue,
I have seen them purple;
And it is as hard to know
The words of a woman
As to straighten the crumpled branch
Of an old willow.

MEMORY OF APRIL

You say love is this, love is that:
Poplar tassels, willow tendrils
The wind and the rain comb,
Tinkle and drip, tinkle and drip—
Branches drifting apart. Hagh!
Love has not even visited this country.